

LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

May 2017 Newsletter

Squires Cup: Monday 29th May: 09:45 - hosted by LSC

It is our turn to host the Squires Cup, so it would be great to have lots of our club members enter this year.

Traditionally this is the annual competition between us and Starcross. Notice of the race, sailing instructions and registration are all on [the website](#). There will be a lunch for competitors in the clubhouse.

Dinghy racing

The race programme has begun and we've already had a few upsets. What with the elder Collett taking the lead back from the younger Collett, only to break his rigging in the next race, and some breathtaking moments from Adams, Atkins and McDougall, it's all to play for. What this weekend? Strong performances from the late starters (Turgoose, Dawson, Jupp, Mountain et al)...? We'll see. More the merrier - all welcome.

Dave Collett Dinghy Captain

Cruiser sailing

If you wonder what sailing a cruiser is like & would like to try it, please give me a ring. Several owners will be happy to take you out for a club race or just a potter around the river. Let me have your name & phone number & I will put you in touch with an owner. Leave a message if I'm not in.

Roger Howell Cruiser Captain 01395264152

Saturday May 6th : Summer Social at LSC 3 – 5pm

It's all happening on Saturday! Bring your friends!

3 - 4pm Table Top Sale (sell whatever you like!) Book your table through the website, only £5

3 - 5pm Cream teas; fund raiser for LSC (please can you let me know whether you can contribute a cake or scones) email events@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk

3 - 5pm Open event - new members / prospective members information session. Do you have friends, family or neighbours who might like to join LSC? New members who want to find out more about the club? Members of the Committee will be on hand to talk to anyone about activities at LSC.

4 - 6pm Fun Sail

5.30pm Exe Regatta information session from Chair of the 2017 Exe Regatta hosted by Exe Sailing Club

Day Boat Doings

A new season, snow was in the offing apparently when I started to think about penning a few words. That, after some glorious days since the Cruisers were craned and the dinghies reappeared. Par for the course, I guess. But good to see boats, including a smattering of DBs, on the water again. Good, too, to learn that two Devon Yawls/DBs are planning to join the Cruisers for the Chandis Bell race to Brixham, scheduled for 13 May weekend. Well done the two Jims (Trice and Bungard) - and hope the handicaps do you proud! How about a report for the next issue of the newsletter? (please!). Not so good news to note Alan Child's 'retirement' and the absence of his familiar green lugger on her mooring, part of the scenery for many a year, indeed many a decade. We'll miss seeing you on the water, Alan. And Pula will be land bound for some time at least this season until her skipper can manage to get his seaboots on and off and get fit again. Meanwhile, to all DB owners and crews, enjoy your sailing, keep an eye on the Club programme if deeper water 'outside' with the Cruisers beckons and if the silver on offer later in the season appeals. Or arrange family days afloat if racing is not your thing. Please feel free to contact me if you have queries (my contact details in the programme, emails preferred.)

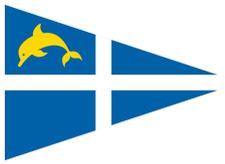
John Bennett Dayboat Captain

Fun Sailing

Either just turn up and sail - or book a FREE place through the website. Each session has safety boat cover and will be led by an experienced LSC sailing member

First Aid Course

Pete Redbourne is running this very practical First Aid course leading to a qualification - for a very reasonable fee of £27 including the first aid book. Please book and pay online to reserve your place.



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Commodore	Judith Carter
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LSC Regatta

Looking for volunteers to run some activities for younger members in the afternoon - or provide some musical entertainment in the evening! Tickets going on sale soon for the very yummy Greendale BBQ on Sat night.

Club Boats

The club boats have undergone some maintenance and modifications over the winter. Many thanks to Rory McDougall for fixing the Vison's and the Pico's bows - a great job. I have fitted jib halyards to the Picos. These will allow users to raise the jib later and to drop it while sailing, both of which will be good in strong winds. They take the form of a clip-on block and halyard and a shackle to fix the jib to the bow of the boat. The rigging procedure is now: 1) unclip the halyard from the top mast section, 2) fit the mainsail to the mast, 3) re-clip the halyard onto the mast, 4) step and raise the mast, 5) rig the jib with the shackle on the tack and a bowline on the head, 6) raise the jib and cleat the halyard in one of the two jammers on the bottom of the mast. De-rigging is the opposite of the above. Please leave the halyard arrangement clipped to the top mast section after use and please ensure the shackle is done up on the bow. The asymmetric 'gennaker' is rigged on the Feva. Please do not de-rig it after use. I've checked the sails on the Vision - they are fine - but not the gennaker, yet. Please use the club boat booking system on the club website and if anyone would like assistance with the club boats, please do not hesitate to contact me - I'd be happy to come to the club to help you get sailing
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DIARY DATES

Sat	6 May	15:00	Open day, table top sale, cream tea, fun sail
Sun	7 May	09:00	1st Aid Course (until 17:00)
Sat/Sun	13/14	May	Safety boat course
Sat/Sun	20/21	May	Safety boat course
Mon	29 May	09:50	Squire's Cup

Flotsam and Jetsam

We would like to thank the eagle eyes that spotted us floating down the estuary, the people who helped us ashore, and the superb emergency services that came in force to care for a couple of shivering wrecks. We had a really happy day last Thursday (27th) hoisting *Skylark's* mast and fettling her. We had reservations, but never-the-less decided to take her out on the evening tide. We picked up our mooring in textbook fashion, despite the plunging seas and waited until the tide turned, expecting the seas to diminish, which they did. We embarked for the shore in *Peptide*; the seas roughened up and seaward of the Darling Rock we shipped a wave. Whilst Daphne was bailing, we slid down another wave, the water in the boat sloshed forward and the stern slid gently down under the water. *Peptide* turned over due to the buoyancy tanks, and, thankfully, the lifejackets deployed. Daphne (the strong swimmer) clung to the bow, whilst Brian (a rubbish swimmer) grabbed the stern. The tidal stream was getting quite strong and we had time to exchange pleasantries with a person on the end of the Harbour Wall; by now it was getting dimpsy. We were carried downstream watching the inviting lights of the harbour-side cottages pass by and approached the cottages in Quay Lane. A crowd had gathered, a long hose pipe was involved as a proxy rope, and a canoeist brought it to us. We touched bottom just before the rocks. Many hands helped us over the rocks and into a Holiday Cottage, rented by some Sailors from the Solent. We had been in the water 20 minutes. There is no doubt despite our enthusiasm and combined age of 157 years, that we made a number of mistakes, and forgot some of the basic rules, which could have ended in disaster. Please all learn from our silly mistakes. It seems we may be joining Liz as contenders for the coveted Darling Rock Trophy! Brian and Daphne (two bedraggled ancient mariners)